

# Savannah Guides School

## El Questro Wilderness Park

### 04-07 May 2017

SAVANNAH GUIDES



*Protectors and Interpreters of the Outback*

## “Connecting The Kimberley”

Savannah Guides invites you to our next Savannah Guides School, based at El Questro Wilderness Park in the magnificent Kimberley region of Western Australia. This four day workshop will focus on El Questro’s incredible surroundings which will give us insights into many geological and ecological concepts. Local field trips will explore the spectacular Chamberlain Gorge, Emma Gorge, Cockburn Range, Amalia Gorge and the pristine Zebedee Springs all of which are looking amazing after a massive wet season.

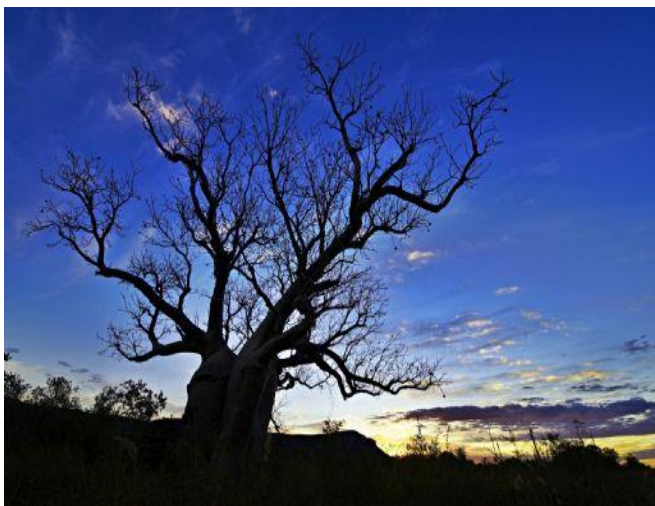


### WHO ARE SAVANNAH GUIDES?

Savannah Guides Limited develops the skills and careers of tour guides. We are a non-profit, member based network of Tour Guides and Operators working with our partners to be “Protectors and Interpreters of the Outback”. Savannah Guides Limited began in 1988 and has won numerous tourism awards for training and tourism services. Our activities build sustainable tourism businesses for regional community benefit, expand career opportunities for Tour Guides and enhance visitor experiences. Our members include accredited guides and enterprises as well as “Friends” who assist in our Mission or just have a good time with like-minded people. For more details visit [www.savannah-guides.com.au](http://www.savannah-guides.com.au).

### WHAT IS A SAVANNAH GUIDES SCHOOL?

A Savannah Guides “School” is not a course with assessment or a qualification. It’s simply our name for professional development workshops, held at various locations across Northern Australia at least twice each year. Schools are a part of our Tour Guide accreditation process, although most participants come for the open knowledge and skill sharing, networking with ecotourism and community leaders and enjoying a fascinating part of the country in more detail. A majority of School activities are in the field.



### WHO CAN ATTEND?

**Members and non-members are very welcome.** Schools are a great opportunity for any Tour Guide, tourism industry member, government or community representative or nature lover to gain a real insight into quality tourism operation. Our participants will include tourism businesses and organisations, tour guides, environmental specialists, traditional owners, local government representatives and land managers. The professional development opportunity provided at these Schools is unparalleled and the renowned Savannah Guides camaraderie is often the basis for valuable ongoing business and personal relationships.

Build your network links with Savannah Guides.

# SCHOOL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

*The El Questro Savannah Guides School will provide valuable skills training and networking for guides and friends from across northern Australia. We'll spend most of our time in the field exploring spectacular landscapes and learning about the incredible Kimberley region. The School will start on Thursday morning and end on Sunday afternoon.*

## Arrival and Accommodation

Many participants will arrive on Wednesday 03 May for an informal evening with old and new friends. We suggest dinner and drinks at the Swinging Arm Bar or Steakhouse Restaurant at own expense. See the Registration Form for more details.



- Boab Trees and The impressive North Cockburn Ranges.
- Tier Gorge Circuit Drive.
- Pastoral History of El Questro.
- Chat with new friends over Pre-Dinner Drinks and Dinner at The Swinging Arm Bar.

## Saturday 06 May 2017

### Learning about Landscapes

- Optional Early Morning Birdwatching.
- Interpretive Walk to Amalia Waterfall.
- Cool off after a walk to Zebedee Springs and Soak.
- Learn about the Geology of El Questro.
- Past Characters Revealed at The Gravetree.
- Sunset Drinks and Station Overview from Saddleback Ridge Lookout.
- After Dinner join in the Traditional Savannah Guides Jam Session at the Steaky Creek Pool with yarns and songs – bring your guitar, didge or voice!

## Thursday 04 May 2017

### Welcomes and Setting the Scene

- 7:45am School Registration at The Swinging Arm Bar.
- 8:45am School Opening and Welcomes from Traditional Owners and Savannah Guides President Mick Clark.
- Savannah Guides Overview.
- Savannah Guides School Twitchathon – join our fun bird spotting competition to build your birding skills.
- "More Grass – More Water" a Presentation by Chris Henggeler.
- Department of Parks and Wildlife will discuss Cane Toads and their Management Strategies.
- An Overview of El Questro Wilderness Park.
- Chamberlain Gorge Cruise.
- Sunset Drinks at Pigeon Hole Lookout.
- Welcome Dinner at The Swinging Arm Bar.

## Friday 05 May 2017

### Stories and Scenery

- Optional Early Morning Birdwatching.
- Interpretive Walk to Emma Gorge Waterfall.
- Giant Boab Tree along the King River Track.

## Sunday 07 May 2017

### School Close

- Discover the Pentecost River along the Champagne Springs Track.
- Hear about the founders of El Questro Wilderness Park – Will & Celia Burrell.
- We will announce the Winners of the Savannah Guides Twitchathon!
- Take Away Messages and Close of School.



## GETTING INVOLVED

We welcome your contributions to the School! Please help make it an even greater success by:

- ❖ Bringing your colleagues – the training and team building opportunity at Savannah Guides Schools is legendary!
- ❖ Joining the School Twitchathon! Register a team of 3-6 participants and tally your confirmed sightings over the school for fun and very modest prizes!
- ❖ Considering Membership – Savannah Guides welcomes Tour Guides and like minded people and organisations.

## GETTING THERE

- ❖ There are daily flights in and out of Kununurra with Qantas and Air North.
- ❖ Transfers from Kununurra Airport to El Questro can be arranged with El Questro.



## ACCOMMODATION

Please book direct with El Questro who have offered the following rates:

- ❖ Station Rooms (Minimum of 1 x Queen Bed and 1 x Single Bed per Room) – Between \$305 - \$368 per night
- ❖ Station Tents (Twin Beds or Queen Bed) - \$84.50 per night
- ❖ Camping – General Campground - \$10 per person per night (Powered Sites are an extra \$22 per site per night)
- ❖ Camping – Private Sites - \$14 per person per night



## WHAT TO BRING

- ❖ Water Bottle and Small Backpack / Day Pack
- ❖ Walking Shoes / Boots
- ❖ Hat, Sunscreen, Insect Repellent, Torch
- ❖ Notepad and Pens/Pencils
- ❖ Bird Field Guides and Binoculars

**Savannah Guides invites you to join us for this memorable and informative School!**



# REGISTRATION FORM – El Questro Wilderness Park 04-07 May 2017

*Please send your Registration Form and pay by the methods below. Registration closes 27 April.*

Name of Individual attending: \_\_\_\_\_

From – Enterprise/Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary or Medical Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Please do not distribute my contact details to other participants after the School

Please do not use any images of me in Savannah Guides promotions

## REGISTRATION

Your Registration Fee includes participation in all School presentations, workshops and activities; transport to field activities and participant kit; all meals from Morning Tea on Thu 04 May to Lunch on Sun 07 May. The Registration Fee does not include accommodation.

Full School Registration – Non-Members	(Thu/Fri/Sat/Sun)	\$475
Full School Registration – Members	(Thu/Fri/Sat/Sun)	\$395
Single Day Rate – Non-Members		\$160
Single Day Rate – Members		\$140

If Single Day Rate please indicate your arrival and departure **day** and **time** for catering purposes: Day: \_\_\_\_\_  
Arrive: \_\_\_\_\_ Depart: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

## ACCOMMODATION

Your Registration Fee does not include accommodation. You must book and pay for accommodation yourself.

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## PROMOTIONAL PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Non-Member Brochure / Merchandise in the School Participant Kit	\$ 50
Half Page Advertisement in the School Program	\$100
Morning or Afternoon Tea / Lunch / Dinner Sponsorship	\$250-\$1500

**PARTNERSHIP TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**PAYMENT TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

## PAYMENT *(Please tick and complete your payment method below)*

a)  **Direct Deposit:** Account Name: Savannah Guides Ltd - BSB: 034-167 - Account No: 47-1141  
To help identify your deposit please complete the reference field on your transfer with your surname.  
I have paid by Direct Deposit on \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

b)  **Credit Card:** Please circle: VISA / Mastercard

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Card No: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ CCV: \_\_\_\_\_

c)  **My enterprise will be paying.** Please send a tax invoice.

An Administration Fee of \$50 per person applies to all Cancellations

**Please email to [info@savannah-guides.com.au](mailto:info@savannah-guides.com.au) or PO Box 33 SMITHFIELD QLD 4878**